

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 31, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:32P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Perry Bennett, Macedonia Baptist Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-

Absent: Durkee -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of May 23, 2011, seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Bruce Roberts mentioned crime has increased by 10% according to FBI statistics and again urged council members to hire more police officers.
5. Prophet Yusef congratulated Yesenia on her high school graduation and encouraged people to hold on to hope and the word.
6. Roland Poska invited everyone to attend an open mic on July 4, 2011 at 12:01 pm to 2:00 pm at the Sullivan Center, 118 North Main.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Johnson submitted four (4) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement and Police Department.
8. Alderman Beach submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from the meeting held on May 17, 2011. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
9. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Deputy City Administrator/ Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Spaghetti Dinner, Remission Accomplished, (Cision, N.A.) – 6/18/11
 2. N. Calvin Park Blvd. Garden Walk – 6/26/11
 3. Head of the Rock Regatta – 9/10/11

Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
10. Alderman Beach submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission Agenda for the meeting to be held on June 8, 2011. Referred to Traffic Commission.

11. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding Municipal Parking Lot HH Project (Related to the Morgan Street Bridge Project and South Main Project Acquisition from Litigation). Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
12. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding Falmouth Water Main Project Acquisition through Litigation. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineer, regarding a Resolution for DUI Memorial Signage on State Controlled Highways in Rockford. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Jacobson submitted a request from Rev. Brian Eatock, in conjunction with "All Things New" Worship Band Concert requesting permission for worship concert in the parking lot of 3178 Samuelson Road, Church of the Nazarene on June 5, 2011 at 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Alderman Jacobson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).
15. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Cathy McDermott, Rockford City Market, requesting an amendment to the original permit to allow for a banner to span Market Street for the duration of the market; addition of planters which will remain on the city right of way; ability to erect a tent on the top level of the parking garage – the tent will remain in place through October. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).
16. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Joanne Lewis, Head Start Director regarding Application for Refunding of the Early Head Start Expansion Grant. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
17. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding Intergovernmental Agreement: N. Main & Auburn Roundabout Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
18. Alderman McNeely submitted two (2) letters opposing the proposed HUD/RHA Development at the former site of the Jane Addams Housing Development. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011-179CR

19. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the awards for Demolition of (6) Properties – 610 6th Ave. Ct., 428 N. Avon, 325 N. Central, 411 S. Gardiner, 1645 Johnson, & 2735 Lapey be made to the low bidder for each house as summarized

Rodman Services	2735 Lapey St.	\$3,000
JD Mark, Inc.	325 N. Central Ave.	\$7,940

	1645 Johnson Ave.	\$5,190
Swinson Materials	610 6 th Ave.	\$5,800
ARO Enterprises	428 N. Avon Street	\$8,950
	411 S. Gardiner Ave.	\$4,830

Funding source is CDBG.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

20. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of May 31, 2011 in the amount of \$2,012,819.73. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

OFFICERS REPORTS

21. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 31, 2011 to be "SWEDISH AMERICAN HOSPITAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and urged its citizens to recognize and honor the 100th anniversary of Swedish American Hospital.
22. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the Community Action Board, Mr. Victory Bell for a three-year which would expire in July, 2014. LAID OVER.
23. Mayor Morrissey thanked everyone for participating in the several Memorial Day celebrations throughout the city this past weekend.
24. Mayor Morrissey reported the gaming bill moved through the Illinois House on Monday and by a very narrow margin passed the Illinois Senate today, which will now put the bill before Governor Quinn for approval. He thanked the several council and community members for their support.
25. Mayor Morrissey also mentioned Illinois State Senator Chris Lauzen, introduced legislation (S.B. 3183) amending the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act which would create a 25% State Historic Preservation Tax Credit within our River Edge Redevelopment Zone. The bill has passed the House and before the Senate for passage.

26. Mayor Morrissey introduced Linnea Bengtsson, local representative from our Sister City of Lidköping, Sweden. She made a brief presentation on the status of our partnership.
27. Alderman Thompson-Kelly wished her mother a happy 83rd birthday. She thanked the members of the Macedonia Church and community attending the celebration.
28. Alderman Thompson-Kelly also wished a happy birthday to Francis Taylor.
29. Alderman Thompson-Kelly commended Mike Cassidy, McGuire Woods, for his diligent efforts in Springfield to get the gaming bill passed and also thanked Rep. Jefferson, Mike Dunn, Senators Syverson and Lang for their effort.
30. Alderman McNeely mentioned she has concerns with the proposed co-ownership of the HUD/RHA Development, having learned the development corporation is located in Wisconsin, and will the funding dollars stay in Illinois.
31. Alderman McNeely mentioned a Resolution will be coming forward tonight regarding street lighting removal program.
32. Alderman Jacobson thanked Alderman Thompson-Kelly for her leadership as the former Legislative Lobbying Chairman.
- 32a. Alderman Jacobson thanked Julia Valdez, Director of Human Resources, for her efforts to coordinate the council's participation in the parade.
33. Alderman Mark reminded everyone this coming Friday is the opening day of the Rockford City Market. It will run each Friday from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm along Water Street between State and Jefferson until October 21, 2011.
34. Alderman Beach expressed his disappointment with the fact that politics have gotten in the way of the Catholic Church's services to foster care.
35. Alderman McNeely invited everyone to attend the opening day of baseball at Marinelli Field this coming weekend.
36. Alderman Robertson also commended Alderman Thompson-Kelly for the fantastic job she did as Chairman of the Legislative Lobbying Committee. He mentioned bringing to the floor tonight a Resolution, on behalf of the entire City Council, supporting the gaming bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-180CR

37. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommends approval of the addition of the vendors, Total Plumbing and Taylor Made Carpentry for Architectural Weatherization Services for the Human Services

Department. The funding source is State & Federal Grant Funds. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-181CR

38. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
1. Request from City Staff for an ordinance modification to Chapter 16 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances pertaining to Not For Profit Permit Parking.
 2. Request from Steve Garbe and TLC Pregnancy Services, a not for profit organization, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" on the east side of 10th Street from 240 feet north of Broadway to 340 feet north of Broadway.
 3. Request from Steve Garbe and TLC Pregnancy Services, a not for profit organization, for a reserved parking space within the City of Rockford right-of-way for purposes of soliciting business.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Mark voted no; Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-182CR

39. Alderman Elyea moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the CDBG 50/50 Funding Request for Assistance to Businesses for Façade Improvement. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-069R

40. Alderman Beck, on behalf of Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for the Rockford Public Library's Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party on June 4, 2011 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the corner of Jefferson and Wyman Street. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-070R

41. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for VTC RevUP Event on Jun 18, 2011 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Rockford Airport, 6050 Cessna Drive. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-071R

42. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for United Lutheran Church Festival on July 16, 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 3630 North Rockton Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-072R

43. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit and liquor permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on public property ("SP" license) for the Fourth of July Committee, in conjunction with the

Fourth of July Celebration on July 4, 2011 at Davis Park. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-073R

44. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary street and lane closures for the Fourth of July Parade on July 4, 2011. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-074R

45. Alderman Robertson, on behalf of the City Council, moved the adoption of a Resolution to urge Governor Quinn to sign the gaming legislation that passed the State House and State Senate and supporting the City of Rockford's position in that bill because of our economic conditions. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, McNeely voted no; Ald. Durkee absent).

2011-075R

46. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for Bell School Road & Mill Road Intersection Improvements in the amount of \$197,696.10. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes:	Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Durkee -1-

2011-076R

47. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that an update of the street lighting removal program be conducted and reported to the alderman of each respective ward for review input. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes:	Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -12-
Nays:	Mark -1-
Absent:	Durkee -1-

NEW BUSINESS

2011-071-O

48. Alderman Elyea introduced and read an Ordinance approving the Downtown Shoes & Boutique Façade Improvement Development Agreement.

Alderman Elyea moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent). The Ordinance was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes:	Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
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Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

2011-072-O

49. Alderman Elyea introduced and read an Ordinance approving the Palace Shoe Service Façade Improvement Development Agreement.

Alderman Elyea moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent). The Ordinance was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

50. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
June 6, 2011
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN JUNE 6, 2011

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beach – ZBA – DENY the variation to increase the sign height from the maximum 8 feet to 20 feet and a variation to increase the maximum square footage allowed to 160 square feet per site sign in a C-3, Commercial General District at 7151 Walton Street.
2. Beach – ZBA – APPROVE a request for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a limited industrial (kitchen cabinets) use, an office, and three (3) single-family apartments in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 1000 9th Street.
3. Beach – ZBA – APPROVE a request for a Special Use Permit for a fuel center within Brynwood Square Shopping Center in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2601 North Mulford Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. MISCELLANEOUS – APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Community Action Board, Mr. Victory Bell for a three-year which would expire in July, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 5, 2011)

- Motions and Resolutions

III. MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE READ IN JUNE 6, 2011

1. Beach - Spaghetti Dinner, Remission Accomplished, (Cision, N.A.) – 6/18/11
2. Beach - N. Calvin Park Blvd. Garden Walk – 6/26/11
3. Beach - Head of the Rock Regatta – 9/10/11
4. Beach - DUI Memorial Signage on State Controlled Highways in Rockford

IV. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

1. Beach – ZBA – DENY the variation to increase the sign height from the maximum 8 feet to 20 feet and a variation to increase the maximum square footage allowed to 160 square feet per site sign in a C-3, Commercial General District at 7151 Walton Street.
2. Beach – ZBA – APPROVE a request for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a limited industrial (kitchen cabinets) use, an office, and three (3) single-family apartments in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 1000 9th Street.
3. Beach – ZBA – APPROVE a request for a Special Use Permit for a fuel center within Brynwood Square Shopping Center in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2601 North Mulford Road.

* same action taken before

- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 6, 2011, 4:45 p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

1. C & R 11-72 Resolution: DUI Memorial Signage on State Controlled Highways in Rockford

2. C & R 11-63 Amendments to Chapter 27, City of Rockford Municipal Code
3. C & R 11-40 Proposed Mechanical Code Amendment
4. C & R 11-73 Municipal Parking Lot HH Project/Acquisition through Litigation
5. C & R 11-74 Falmouth Water Main Project/Acquisition through Litigation
6. C & R 11-75 Special Events: Spaghetti Dinner, Remission Accomplished 6/18
N. Calvin Park Blvd Garden Walk 6/26
Head of the Rock Regatta 9/10
7. C & R 11-68 ZBA#004-11 **Special Use Permit** for a fuel center within the Brynwood Square Shopping Center in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at **2601 North Mulford Road**
8. C & R 11-69 ZBA#015-11 **Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development** consisting of a limited industrial (kitchen cabinets) use, an office, and three (3) single-family apartments in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at **1000 9th Street**
9. C & R 11-70 ZBA#016-11 **Variation** to build a pylon sign, a **Variation** to increase the sign height from the maximum 8' to 20' and; **Variation** to increase the maximum square footage allowed to 160 square feet per site sign in a C-3, Commercial General District at **7151 Walton Street**

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, June 6, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Engineering Agreement: Harrison Avenue Corridor Land Acquisition Services
 - B. Resolution to take Proposals
 - C. Vouchers
 - ✓ Training/Travel for Human Services
2. Intergovernmental Agreement: N. Main & Auburn Roundabout Sanitary Sewer Improvements
3. Application for refunding of Early Head Start Expansion Grant for 9/30/2011-3/29/2012

4. Baker Tilly Recommendations – Laid over 5/31

5. Discussion regarding Geographical Policing Costs

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, June 6, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Jim Ryan, City Administrator, regarding Downtown Parking Agreement.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, June 6, 2011, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.